



Ranger-Led Programs

June 13 - 15, 2019

Location	Program	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Saturday 15
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Birding with a Ranger (1 hour window)		3:30 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Assateague Detectives (45 minutes, ¼ mile)			3:00 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Creature Feature (15 minutes)	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Aquarium Talk (30 minutes)		1:00 pm	1:00 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Story by the Sea (30 minutes)	3:00 pm		
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Marsh Madness (1 hour, ½ mile)	1:00 pm		
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Plant Rant (15 minutes)			12:00 pm
Naturalist Shack Lot #1	Secrets of the Sand (1 hour, ½ mile)	10:00 am		
Naturalist Shack Lot #1	Hook, Line and Sinker (2 hours)		9:00 am	
Bayside Lot #3	Marine Explorers (1 hour)			9:00 am



These programs are especially popular with children.



Wheelchair accessible programs.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult on programs



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Program Descriptions

Sun screen, drinking water & bug spray are recommended when outdoors.

Birding With a Ranger - See what birds the ranger is viewing off the Toms Cove Visitor Center deck. Come and go as you please anytime during the 1 hour window. Some binoculars and field guides will be available.

Assateague Detectives - Do you want to become a detective? Want to help rangers find out what kind of "criminal" activity is going on? Join us as we venture down the boardwalk looking for evidence left behind by animals that live here on Assateague.

Creature Feature - Gather 'round the ranger and today's mystery "guest." Learn the life and lore of a special Assateague resident during this informal discussion.

Aquarium Talk -The marine aquariums in the Toms Cove Visitor Center are just a "drop in the bucket" of the diversity of life surrounding the island. Get a peek at who is swimming around out there with you!

Story by the Sea - You're never too old for a story by the sea. Come learn about an animal that calls Assateague home. Make a craft to share with family and friends.

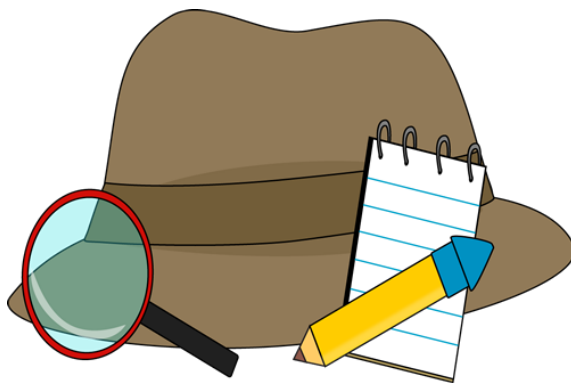
Marsh Madness - Use your senses to discover the many mysteries of the salt marsh. What sights, smells, sounds, tastes or feelings might you experience here that are found nowhere else? **Wear shoes (no flip-flops) & clothing that you don't mind getting wet and muddy.**

Plant Rant - "Lettuce" dig up the dirt on plants to unearth their roots and blossoming potential!

Secrets of the Sand - Ever wonder why the island looks different every time you visit? If so join us for a beach walk to learn the secrets of the sand and see what life is like beneath your feet.

Hook, Line & Sinker - **Program is limited to those 12 years and older.** If sitting on the beach bores you, you might just get hooked on surf fishing. Designed for those with limited surf fishing experience, this program includes demonstrations of equipment, bait and casting techniques. Equipment is provided, however, actual practice time depends on group size.

Marine Explorers - Join a ranger and investigate the creatures found in and around Toms Cove. Expect to get wet! **A snug pair of wading shoes is required, no flip-flops.**



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